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Slovak Republic ambassador seeks increased ties with Nebraska

LINCOLN – The Slovak Republic ambassador to the United States was in Lincoln April 3-4 to promote commercial and other connections between his country and Nebraska.

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale hosted a luncheon on April 4 for Ambassador Peter Burian. Gale serves as Nebraska's chief protocol officer for international relations.

During his stay, Burian met with state government officials, business representatives and Congressman Jeff Fortenberry to promote Slovakia.

"Slovakia is an emerging country that is developing strong military and economic ties with the West," Gale said. "Ambassador Burian's visit was a great opportunity to explore increased ties between Slovakia and Nebraska."

Slovakia became an independent nation in 1993 after the peaceful dissolution of Czechoslovakia.